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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of:

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Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING LOAD
DISTRIBUTION ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK**

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- X 1. This application claims the benefit of provisional application serial number 60/140,101, filed June 18, 1999, the benefit of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- X 2. An application consisting of 32 pages of specification and claims and 20 sheets of formal drawings is attached.
- X 3. A newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- X 4. An Assignment of the invention to F5 Networks, Inc. is attached. A Cover Sheet prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.31 is attached to the Assignment. Please record this Assignment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.11.
- X 5. A filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is requested. The Express Mail Certificate appears below.
- X 6. A Small Entity Statement is attached.

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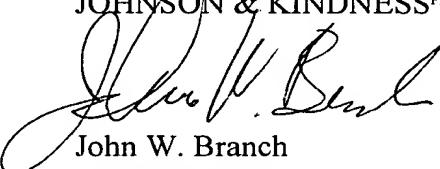
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- X 7. Our check No. 111899 in the amount of \$717.00 to cover the total fee as computed above is enclosed.
- X 8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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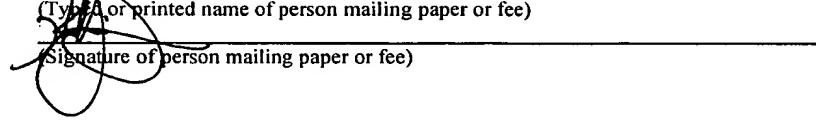
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the
concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN F5 Networks, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN 200 First Avenue West, Suite 500, Seattle, WA
98119

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. §§ 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §§ 41(a) and (b) in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING LOAD DISTRIBUTION ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK by inventors Bryan D. Skene, Scott P. Tennican, and Thomas R. Kee, described in

- the specification filed herewith; and
 related Provisional Application Serial No. 60/140,101, filed 6/18/99.

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() SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN
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